



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

Founded 1795 - Alexandria, Virginia

September 19, 2021  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

All Masses are live streamed at [www.stmaryoldtown.org](http://www.stmaryoldtown.org)

### SUNDAY

7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

### MONDAY through FRIDAY

6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

### SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil for Sunday)

### TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

7:30 p.m., Third Friday of the month

### FEDERAL HOLIDAYS and HOLY DAYS

Check the website and bulletin

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

MONDAY through FRIDAY After 12:10 p.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m.



## BASILICA HOURS

MONDAY through FRIDAY 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## OFFICE HOURS (313 Duke Street)

MONDAY through FRIDAY 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rosary Monday through Friday before 8 a.m. Mass  
and on Saturday before 8:30 a.m. Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena Monday 12 noon

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 12:45 to 8:30 p.m.

Adoration with Holy Hour & Benediction

Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration

Friday 9 p.m. until Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Communal First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.

## BAPTISMS

Sunday at 2:15 p.m. Please call the Parish Office to register  
in advance and obtain requirements for godparents, etc.

## MARRIAGES

Contact Parish Priest a minimum of 6 months before possible  
wedding date for marriage preparation. Couples living together  
will be asked to live separately during marriage preparation.

## THE BASILICA SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

(Pre-K to 8th grade)

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*Madonna and Child before a Curtain*  
by Benvenuto Tisi da Garofalo (1481-1559)

# CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

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<b>Nocturnal Adoration Society</b> 9 p.m. 1st Friday to 6 a.m. 1st Saturday	<b>Helen Lynch</b>	helenlynch21@gmail.com
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## *Oremus pro invicem* “Let us pray for each other”

*Father Edward C. Hathaway, Rector*

### “SAY THE WORD.....”

Today, **September 19**, is **Catechetical Sunday**. The theme this year is “Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed,” the very words we pray at Mass. With that precious prayer, we humbly invite Christ to enter under our roof in the Eucharist so our souls may be healed.

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity to formally recognize those who volunteer as catechists to teach the faith to others through our parish RCIA and CCD programs. It also is a wonderful time to reflect on the role each individual Catholic plays, by virtue of Baptism, in sharing the faith with others, regardless of our vocation. We will formally recognize and commission our catechists for their ministry at our 11:30 a.m. Mass today. In addition, our in-person CCD classes begin today.

I am so very grateful to each of our catechists for giving of their time and talent to prepare others – adults and children alike – to fully engage in receiving Christ in the Eucharist and in their hearts.

### BASILICA FAITH AND CULTURE LECTURE: THROUGH DANTE’S PARADISE WITH GREAT ARTISTS



This year is the 700th anniversary of the death of Dante Alighieri, the author of *The Divine Comedy*. We’ll reflect on that anniversary as part of our **Fall 2021 Faith and Culture Series** with a presentation by art historian Nora Hamerman on **Tuesday, September 21**, at 7:30 p.m., in the parish Lyceum. She will lead us in exploring Dante’s vision of the afterlife among the blessed, joined by masterful artists such as Sandro Botticelli and Salvador Dalí, the poetry of Geoffrey Chaucer, and the music of Giuseppe Verdi.

For more information on the presentation, be sure to listen to a new Basilica of Saint Mary podcast with Nora Hamerman at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.

### PARISH CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

As part of this Year of Saint Joseph, the Basilica of Saint Mary will embark on a parish consecration to the foster father of Our Lord, entrusting ourselves to Joseph’s paternal care. That includes a time of preparation. A popular method is to use Father Donald Calloway’s book, *Consecration to Saint Joseph: Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*. We will follow Father Calloway’s lead with a 33-day preparation period beginning on **Thursday, September 30** and concluding with the actual consecration to Saint Joseph on **Monday, November 1**.

A limited supply of Father Calloway’s book will be available for interested parishioners at a discounted rate. They will be available on a table at the back of the church for a suggested \$5 donation per book. Make your donation online at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/parish-consecration-to-st-joseph/>. If you prefer to pay in cash, there will be small envelopes for your donation, which can be placed in the Poor Box.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, September 19

7 a.m. — Parishioners of Saint Mary  
8:30 a.m. — Gennie L. Wincek †  
10 a.m. — William and Leslie Rhatican †  
11:30 a.m. — Lois Mae Herrmann †  
1 p.m. — Marguerite O. McMahon †  
5 p.m. — Special Intention: Robert Logomasini

#### Monday, September 20

6:30 a.m. — Matthew J. Miller  
8 a.m. — Gene Borders †  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: The Sullivan Family

#### Tuesday, September 21

6:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Amelia Naegele  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Maggie O'Connell Lynch  
12:10 p.m. — Jim Malone †

#### Wednesday, September 22

6:30 a.m. — Howard Y. Kang †  
8 a.m. — Linda Horton †  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Vickie Gibb

#### Thursday, September 23

6:30 a.m. — George Lynch Sr.  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Rebecca Littig  
12:10 p.m. — Special Intention: Darlyn Jung

#### Friday, September 24

6:30 a.m. — Donald H. Zacherl †  
8 a.m. — Special Intention: Steve and Kellie Trepkowski  
12:10 p.m. — James Skelley Jr. †

#### Saturday, September 25

8:30 a.m. — Special Intention: Ashley Lynch  
5 p.m. — Len Malinowski †

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, September 19

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

#### Monday, September 20

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

#### Tuesday, September 21

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

#### Wednesday, September 22

Ezr 9:5-9; (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

#### Thursday, September 23

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

#### Friday, September 24

Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

#### Saturday, September 25

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

### WE WELCOME THROUGH BAPTISM

Mateo Francis Androski, Rose Adelaide Corey, Josephine Rose Eubank, Jack Edward Gallant, Alexandra Shirley Kellogg, Virginia Quinzani, Mary Elizabeth Rivers, Sienna Rae Schilling and Joseph Scirocco III

### PRAY FOR THE ILL, INCLUDING

Diana Allen, Suzanne Aragona, **Dave Baughan**, Lynn Blycher, Katherine Boeskin, Maria Campo, Quinn Copps, **Baby Clare Cummings**, Mary Davis, Jean Edwards, Margie Feney, Michael Hahn, **Ed Heiden**, Michael Henderson, Foltzy Huttman, **Diane Kapanowski**, **Shannon Key**, Geraldine (Gerry) McGowan, Bud Miles, Terry Nunan, Tammy Orthman, Pam Rubin, Baby Shiller, Dan Sullivan, Noel Tohill, Irma Valentine and Jerry Wallmeyer

### PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED, INCLUDING:

Michael Chalfonte

### PRAY FOR THOSE ACTIVELY SERVING IN HARM'S WAY, INCLUDING

Alex Deerr, Tim Galginaitis, Kaylyn E. Krzemien, Sara McAlpin, Mitchell Mehaffey, Vincent P. Pensyl, Ryan Rickley, David Alejandro Sandoval, Patrick Tuccillo, Josh Villeneuve and all of those serving in law enforcement, as firefighters and as emergency first responders.

### PRAY FOR OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

September 19 — Rev. Frederick H. Edlefsen  
September 20 — Rev. Ronald S. Escalante  
September 21 — Rev. Wilhelm J. Ettner  
September 22 — Rev. Paul M. Eversole  
September 23 — Rev. Joseph W. Farrell  
September 24 — Rev. Jerome W. Fasano (Retired)  
September 25 — Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable,  
gentle, willing to yield.**

Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ's choice for you. Should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703. 841.2514.

**Names of the ill** are listed for 4 weeks. **Names of those actively serving in harm's way** (generally means deployed overseas) are listed for 4 months. You may reinstate or add a name at [bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:bulletin@stmaryoldtown.org) or call 703.836.4100.

### **HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

*An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle.* We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



## WORSHIP & ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

### *Year of Saint Joseph*

A servant of Mary will have  
a tender devotion  
to Saint Joseph.  
— *Blessed William Joseph Chaminade*



### LEGION OF MARY

This weekend, **September 18/19**, the Legion of Mary will have an information table outside the Basilica. Stop by to learn more about the Legion of Mary as a great way to grow in your faith or to sign up for your family to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home for a week.



### MASS FOR MARRIAGE JUBILARIANS

**Are you celebrating a silver or golden wedding anniversary this year?**

Please join Arlington Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2021 Mass for Marriage Jubilarians on **Sunday, October 17**, at 3 p.m., at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Please contact the Basilica parish office at 703.836.4100 to register no later than **October 1**. For more information, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

### MONTHLY NOCTURNAL ADORATION

Additional people are needed to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during the Basilica of Saint Mary's monthly Nocturnal Adoration on the **first Friday of each month**, beginning at 9 p.m. and ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday. **Adorers are especially needed from midnight to 5 a.m.** Our next First Friday will be **October 1**. Vocal prayers during Adoration follow recitation of the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament*, consisting of Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. To sign up or for more information about Nocturnal Adoration, please contact Helen Lynch at [helenlynch21@gmail.com](mailto:helenlynch21@gmail.com).



### Liturgical Calendar This Week

— **September 20. Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, Martyrs.** Andrew was a convert and first Korean-born Catholic priest. Tortured, beheaded in 1846, along with seminarian Paul Chong Ha-Sang. From 1839-67, 103 martyrs died for the faith in Korea.  
— **September 21. Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Martyr.** According to the Gospel, Matthew was working as a tax collector in Capernaum when Christ said, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew's life changed and he became a disciple of Christ.  
— **September 23. Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest.** Capuchin priest who received the miraculous stigmata. Spent 50 years in the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, serving many as a spiritual advisor and confessor. He died on September 23, 1968.

## Q & A *Exploring & Practicing Our Catholic Faith*

### **Q: I've heard the word "cloister" used when describing the life of some nuns. What does it mean?**

A: A "cloister" is a place of religious seclusion. Members of a cloistered order limit their interaction with the world, remaining behind closed doors of a monastery for the most part, where they lead a life dedicated to prayer, work, fasting and meditation. Their's is a contemplative life, occupied with God and things of the spirit.

Cloistered communities of religious women in our general area include the Poor Clare Monastery of Mary, Mother of the Church, near Saint Louis Church here in Alexandria (<https://poorclaresofalexandria.org/>), the Dominican Sisters of Saint Dominic Monastery in Linden, VA (<https://www.lindenopnuns.org/>) and the Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary at the Monastery of Monte Maria near Richmond, VA (<https://www.visitmontemaria.com/>).



## FELLOWSHIP & SERVING OTHERS



**DATE NIGHT AT THE BASILICA**

St. Mary's Date Night at the Basilica will host its first event of the year with a chili cook-off and a stump-the-pastor challenge!

Please join us for chili, refreshments, and fellowship to meet other married couples within the parish and get to know our priests on a more personal level.

**Friday, Oct. 1, from 7-9:30 p.m.**  
**Saint Mary's Lyceum Auditorium, 313 Duke St., Alexandria**  
**For more information: [stmaryoldtown.org/datenight](http://stmaryoldtown.org/datenight)**



Please mark a future Date Night at the Basilica event on your calendar:  
January 14, 2022  
March 25, 2022  
June 3, 2022

**To RSVP & donate: [stmaryoldtown.org/datenight](http://stmaryoldtown.org/datenight)**

Date Night at the Basilica is a quarterly fellowship and speaker series focused on living the Sacrament of Marriage. Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

Date Night at the Basilica is a donation-funded event. Donations for the chili cook-off will be collected at the door and through Faith Direct to help cover the cost of hosting the event.

This is an adults-only event to help foster an intimate environment for married couples. Child care will not be provided at this time.



walking with purpose

Join **Walking with Purpose** this fall for a Bible study focusing on the women of the Bible! Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be today, yet the power of God worked in their lives. Learn from their experiences in *Discovering Our Dignity*, a 22-lesson Bible study. Walking with Purpose will host an open house for the women of the parish on the morning of **Wednesday, October 6**, and the evening of **Thursday, October 7**. Our study will meet weekly after that with breaks for the holidays and wrap up Holy Week. Wednesday morning sessions will meet 9:30 to 11 a.m. in the parish Lyceum. Thursday evening sessions will meet 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lyceum. Daycare is available for the morning session only. To register, please visit [stmaryoldtown.org/wwp](http://stmaryoldtown.org/wwp) or email Mindee Arritt for more information at [wwp@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:wwp@stmaryoldtown.org).



**CATHOLIC SPORTS UPDATES**  
**For Young Adults 18-39!**

Upcoming Leagues  
NEW! - Registration for WIFFLEBALL League is now OPEN!  
Early Registration closes October 31 — December 19 at the Basilica School of Saint Mary  
Register at [www.catholicsports.net](http://www.catholicsports.net)!

Bible Studies  
Contact Helena Briggs if you'd like to join a Men's or Women's Bible Study!

Socials  
Stay tuned for our first social events coming up!  
Sign up for our email list at [www.catholicsports.net](http://www.catholicsports.net) to stay in the loop!

**Are you Irish or part Irish? JOIN US!**  
The Herbert-Cady Division of the **Ancient Order of Hibernians** is looking for practicing Catholic men of Irish heritage to join our great organization. We meet **every third Monday** of the month, upstairs at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub, 713 King Street, Alexandria. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, contact Joe Castillo at [aohrecruiter@outlook.com](mailto:aohrecruiter@outlook.com) or 219.880.6889. The next meeting is **September 20**.



### F3

#### FRATERNITY/FITNESS/FAITH

Father David has started a men's group at the Basilica called F3 — Fraternity, Fitness and Faith. The group meets in front of the Basilica every Saturday at 5 a.m. All men of the parish are invited to attend. The men work out for roughly 45 minutes, led by a different member of the group each week and finish with prayer. Parishioner Joel Doolin discusses F3 in Episode #226 of our Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>

## FAMILY, CHILDREN & YOUTH

### NEW BASILICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHOOL

*"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live" (Psalm 104:33)*



The Saint Gregory Children's Choir School at the Basilica of Saint Mary is a new four-year program of comprehensive musical training and immersion into the Catholic choral tradition. Over the course of the program, students will learn to read music fluently and sing with confidence everything from Gregorian chant to modern compositions. Students also will learn music theory according the curriculum of the Royal College of Music in Toronto. Each year students will increasingly participate in the liturgical life of the Basilica and sing for concerts and other parish events. Plans for a choral trip will be developed.

Enrollment is open to any Catholic boy or girl, ages 8-12. Children do not need to be a student at the Basilica School of Saint Mary or a parishioner at the Basilica. No prior musical training is required. Practices take place twice per week, from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays and from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays. For our inaugural year, there will be open enrollment for the months of **September and October**.

The program begins on **Thursday, September 30**. See the full class calendar, at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/the-basilica-of-saint-mary-announces-a-choir-school-for-children/>. Cost for the program is \$1,000 per year. Payments can be made monthly or for the entire year.

**For more information and to obtain enrollment forms, contact David Elliott, Director of Music at the Basilica, at [delliott@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:delliott@stmaryoldtown.org).**

<https://stmaryoldtown.org/apostolate/yaya>

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*The Basilica of Saint Mary's*  
**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT APOSTOLATES**  
*Encounter Jesus. Become Disciples. Change the Culture.*

*Serving our parish community's middle schoolers, high schoolers, college students, young adults, and families!*

# New for Young Adults



**HOLY HAPPY HOUR**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
6PM ADORATION  
7PM HOLY HOUR IN OLD TOWN



**SUNDAY COFFEE**  
EVERY SUNDAY AFTER THE 10AM MASS  
BACKYARD OF 307 S ROYAL STREET  
ACROSS FROM THE BASILICA

Young Adults in their 20s & 30s throughout Alexandria are invited to our weekly gatherings and activities.

## 2021-22 Annual Youth Apostolate Opens September 1st!!



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## AROUND OUR PARISH & BEYOND

# FROM THE ARCHIVES

*A periodic look at the history  
of our Basilica of Saint Mary parish  
since its founding in 1795*



## A NEW DIOCESE

As the Catholic population of Virginia grew in the mid-20th century, especially in our northern part of the commonwealth, the diocese became too large. Rumors of a split were common by the early 1970s. Following the retirement of Bishop John J. Russell, the rumors became reality.

In 1972, the priests of the Alexandria and Arlington Deaneries asked Bishop John J. Russell, Richmond's 10th Bishop, to initiate the process of establishing a new diocese in their part of the Commonwealth.



Bishop Welsh

As a result, the Diocese of Arlington was established on August 13, 1974. Bishop Thomas J. Welsh, auxiliary of Philadelphia and rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, PA, was installed as the first Bishop of Arlington. Auxiliary Bishop Walter J. Sullivan (1928-2021) was named Bishop of Richmond, and Bishop Thomas J. Welsh (1921-2009) was named the first Bishop of Arlington. In 1974, the new Diocese of Arlington had more than 136,000 Catholics, 60 diocesan and 33 religious priests, 49 parishes and 7 missions. Priests of Virginia could choose to serve in either diocese. Fortunately for the parishioners of Saint Mary, their beloved pastor, Father Joseph L. Wingler, chose to remain at Saint Mary.

At the time, there was much speculation that Saint Mary Church, the oldest parish in the Commonwealth of Virginia, would be named the cathedral for the new diocese. But because of practical reasons – Saint Mary lacked the needed extra office space and had very limited parking – Saint Thomas More Church in Arlington was elevated as the new diocesan cathedral.

As in 1891, when the Jesuits who had served in Alexandria for decades left the parish, life at Saint Mary went on uninterrupted by the change. – *Kitty Guy, Parish Historian*



## CALLING ALL BOYS INTERESTED IN BECOMING ALTAR SERVERS!

All boys in grades 5 and up who are interested in serving as altar boys at the Basilica of Saint Mary are invited to attend two mandatory training sessions:

- Session 1: Thursday, September 23, at 3:30 p.m. **OR** Saturday, September 25, at 10:30 a.m.
- Session 2: Thursday, September 30, at 3:30 p.m. **OR** Saturday, October 9, at 10:30 a.m.

To participate, you will need to do **two** things:

1. **Register online** at <https://stmaryoldtown.org/new-altar-boys-needed-for-upcoming-training-sessions/>.
2. **Sign up** for the **two mandatory** training sessions (see above) by emailing Elena Bigg at [ebigg@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:ebigg@stmaryoldtown.org).

Deadline to sign up for training is **September 20**. All training sessions will last one hour.



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The Knights of Columbus Fitzgerald Council 459 is helping A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound and Pregnancy Resource Center raise funds to continue saving the unborn by providing a free ultrasound and counseling to women considering an abortion, thereby providing a visual of their baby in hopes the mother elects to give life. This weekend, **September 18/19**, the Knights will collect check and credit card donations for ABC after Mass. Please make checks out to "A Best Choice." Donations also are accepted through the Basilica's Faith Direct ("Donation" link on the Basilica website) or ABC's website at [www.abestchoice.us](http://www.abestchoice.us). Please, NO Cash!

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### PILGRIMAGE TO PHILADELPHIA

Join the Saint Katharine Drexel Society (KDS) for a pilgrimage to Philadelphia on **Saturday, September 25**. We will have Mass with Saint Katharine Drexel in her resting place at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Saint John Neumann at his shrine and tour Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. \$25 per person, includes transportation. Lunch at the Philadelphia Terminal market (cost of lunch not included). Bus leaves 7:45 a.m.; estimated return at 7:30 p.m. **Families are welcome to participate!** Sign up at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7558>.

To learn more about the pilgrimage and the Saint Katharine Drexel Society, contact Monica at [skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:skdsociety@stmaryoldtown.org). Also learn more in Episode 230 of our Basilica podcasts at <https://stmaryoldtown.libsyn.com/>.



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